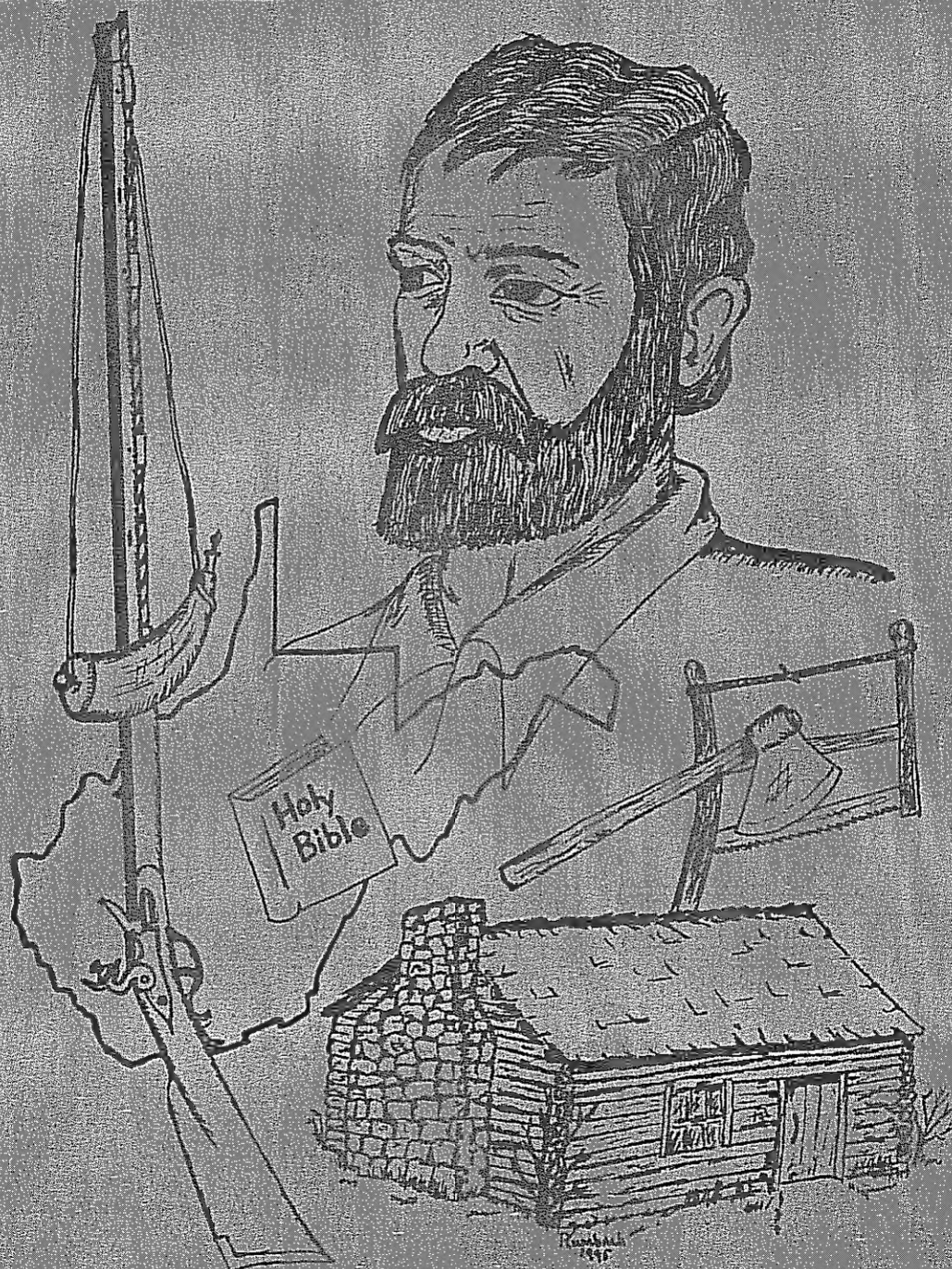


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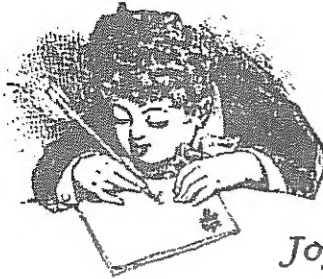


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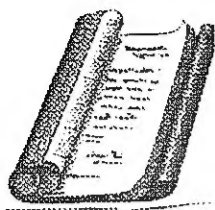
Dear Cousins and Friends:

Joy is closeted finishing the Lewis County Book and earning HCPD some significant money by getting it done by October 1 so orders can be delivered by Christmas. She asked me to fill in for her with this column. Let me start by thanking members for their support and reminding you that dues should be paid by October 1- \$35 regular, \$40 for online members, as per the vote at the Annual Meeting. If necessary, dues can be paid in a couple of installments - just be sure to include a note when you send them to Horner. Also, the HCPD Cookbook is available for sale at the library. And that, I promise, is the last time I will mention money in this column!

Through that wonderful tool known as "brainstorming" we have collected some exciting ideas for projects for HCPD. Laura Nelle MALLETT has suggested a plant sale in the spring; Ruth HIGHLAND has contributed an idea for a craft sale. An anonymous member suggested an idea for a simple dinner and a gospel sing. A couple of people at the Gathering came up with an idea to create a short video tour of the library, narrated to include the kinds of materials we have on hand. This would be played in the "lounge-waiting room" at the library and also be available for purchase at a nominal price. Others suggested more seminars, more outreach into the schools and youth groups. Any and all suggestions are welcomed, as are your comments on the ideas mentioned here. Please send your ideas to me, either at GodivaM@westco.net or to my home address which can be found on page 1 of each Journal.

Along this same line, I would like to issue a challenge to each of you to submit to HCPD during the next 12 months something from your research. This could be anything from a few 5-generation charts, or FGR's, to something larger, perhaps in written form. It could be copies of pictures or documents. If everyone submitted something, just think of how our resources will grow! For those of you with Internet capability, find SOMETHING to submit that can be put on the website. Everyone wants more information on the web page- this is the best way to get it there! Don't wait for someone else to have the time to put something on there that you want...help it grow! Send FGR's and generation charts to me as above. I am collating books in an ongoing project.

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Sketches of Old

A series of sketches of Central West Virginia people found in History of West Virginia Old and New, Volume 1, by James Morton Callahan, 1923.

John W. Romine

The **ROMINEs** were a family established in the wilderness of Western, now West Virginia before the middle of the eighteenth century, and the successive generations have maintained the name in associations of dignity, honor and usefulness. The family has been in Wood County for more than a century, and the present generation is represented by John W. **ROMINE**, a leading wholesale lumber dealer of Parkersburg.

As early as 1620 four brothers of the name came from Holland and landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts. Descendants have since scattered over the entire nation. From New England a branch of the family moved into the Valley of Virginia. Out of that valley Samuel **ROMINE** moved to what is now West Virginia, and died about 1749. A monument to his memory stands in the Bethel Church Cemetery in the Nubeck District of Wood County. His son, Peter **ROMINE**, was also a pioneer of this region, a farmer and a cooper by trade. He married Mollie **MADDON**. Their son, Thomas **ROMINE**, was born in Wood County in 1813 and followed the business of farming and broom manufacture. He was active in the Baptist Church and a member of its Sunday School thirty years. Thomas **ROMINE** died in 1892. The mother of his four children was Nancy **ROWLAND**. Their two sons were Matthew N. and George Rowland. These two brothers served on opposite sides in the Civil war. Matthew was A Union soldier, and subsequently moved to the State of Oklahoma, where he is still living.

George Rowland **ROMINE** was born at Quakertown, Wood County, April 2, 1846 had a subscription school education and when only ten years of age went to work in a tobacco shop at 4 cents a day. During the subsequent years of his early youth he worked on his father's farm and also in other occupations, and at the age of seventeen he walked 200 miles to join the Confederate army, enlisting in Company F of the Seventeenth Virginia Cavalry. This was **JENKINS'** Cavalry. One stormy night while doing picket duty in the Shenandoah Valley, Colonel **THOMPSON** rode up and tried to pass by, simply announcing his name and rank. **ROMINE** made him dismount and give the countersign. His conduct was reported to General **McCAUSLAND**, now living at Point Pleasant. When **ROMINE** appeared before the general he explained that he was but following orders issued by **McCAUSLAND** himself. The general ended the interview by asking, "Why didn't you shoot him!"

November 12, 1864, in the Shenandoah Valley, he was taken prisoner and remained at Lookout, until July, 1865. The years following the war he had a difficult experience in getting a start in business. He did farm labor, rented a farm, moved to Parkersburg in 1867 and worked in the city, then became superintendent of a farm in Wood County, and after his marriage in 1870 he rented the farm for two years. He then lived for a time on the farm of his wife's father, and for fourteen years had his home in Jackson

County, where he was a farmer and cattle drover. From farming he entered the lumber industry, and in 1899 he returned to his grandfather's homestead in Wood County. For five years he was financially interested in and manager of a planing mill at Parkersburg. During his last years he lived retired in Parkersburg where he died March 23, 1919. He was highly respected by his fellows, was charitable in the extreme, and ever ready to extend a helping hand to the needy. He was a Baptist, a staunch democrat, and while living in Jackson was elected in 1890 a county commissioner, an office he filled six years, and for twenty-five years he was a school trustee. George ROMINE married sisters, Ellen and Victoria FLYNN, daughters of John FLYNN, a prominent resident in the southern part of Wood County. His first marriage occurred in December 1870 and his second in 1877. The children of his first marriage were Victoria and Kate, while those of the second marriage were Edna, John Wesley, Dixie, Trixie, Thomas and Lucy.

John Wesley ROMINE, whose mother was Victoria FLYNN, was born at Flynn, West Virginia, February 20, 1881. He graduated from the Parkersburg High School in 1897 and in 1904 received the A. B. degree from Washington and Lee University. Since leaving university his time and energies have been fully taken up with a broadening scope of business affairs, chiefly in the lumber business, with which for a time he was associated with his father. In 1905 he became a traveling salesman for a firm at Zanesville, Ohio, but since 1908 has been in the wholesale lumber business at Parkersburg. He is president of the J. W. ROMINE Lumber Company and is also interested in the oil and gas industry and a number of other local enterprises. During the World war he was a leader in Parkersburg in promoting the various drives for funds. He is an active member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and a member of the Baptist Church. On July 25, 1910, he married Marguerite BAKER, daughter of a distinguished West Virginian, Gen. Samuel B. BAKER. They have one daughter, Marguerite Elizabeth, and one son, John W., Jr.

The Recording of a Cemetery

by Thelma Greene Reagan

Today we walked where others walked, On a lonely, windswept hill;
Today we talked where others cried, For Loved Ones whose lives are stilled.

Today our hearts were touched, By graves of tiny babies;
Snatched from the arms of loving kin, In the heartbreak of the ages.

Today we saw where the grandparents lay, In the last sleep of their time;
Lying under the trees and clouds - Their beds kissed by the sun and wind.

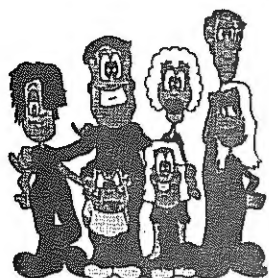
Today we wondered about an unmarked spot; Who lies beneath this hollowed ground?
Was it a babe, child, young or old? No indication could be found.

Today we saw where Mom and Dad lay. We had been here once before
On a day we'd all like to forget, But will remember forever more.

Today we recorded for kith and kin, The graves of ancestors past;
To be treasured for generations hence, A record we hope will last.

Cherish it, my friend; preserve it, my friend, For stones sometimes crumble to dust,
And generations of folks yet to come, Will be grateful for your trust.

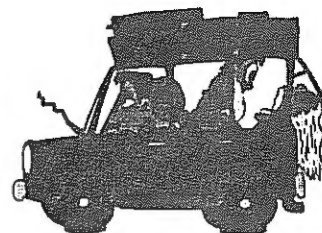
Submitted by Wendy SUTTON



What fun!!!

Family Reunions and Other Ways of Passing on our Family Histories

by Linda Steorts KAUFMAN



What? Fun??

Family reunions mean different things to different people. First and foremost is the opportunity to greet old friends and relatives, meet new cousins, and figure out who's related to whom and how, catch up on the latest family news, swap old stories, and share old memories and pictures.

And this leads to a concern. As our older members leave us, so does a lot of our heritage. Our children, grandchildren, and beyond may be able to go to government records, etc., and find dates----birth, marriage, deaths. Even that may become ever harder to do with our mobile society, even with all the wonderful new technology. How will they learn the really important things? Who were these people besides a collection of dry facts? That is why it is so important to record our memories of older generations (and don't forget us!) And preserve the old pictures.

What if every one started by writing about themselves--no matter how long or how short. Just think what you would like to know about your great great grandparents. What did they look like, how did they spend their days, what happened that made them happy and what happened to make them sad? What was happening in the world around them and how did it effect them?

Then go to your parents. I bet if five siblings each wrote about their parents, the stories would be very different. That is why it is important for everyone to do this. Your memories will be unique, different from anyone else. Then go to your grandparents and so on, as far as you can go.

Now comes the most important part. SHARE! What a shame it is that so much of our heritage is put away in attic, basement or even outbuilding, to deteriorate, and then eventually someone won't care anymore and it gets thrown in the garbage. How do you share? Just remember...a journey starts with a single step. Reach out to others for help. There is no one more helpful than a dedicated genealogist. If you are not one yourself (and the ranks are growing by leaps and bounds) call your local history or genealogy society, or your local library. You will soon have all kinds of advice and help.

If you or your family are from Central West Virginia the staff and volunteers at the library of the Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendants are always willing to help. You may even want to join the thousands of others who have donated anything from hand written notes to published books to the library for others to share. The HCPD and their library have become a major source of information for both its one thousand plus membership and non-member users all over the United States. Many join in the Annual Gathering held at the library for four days every August.

Linda Steorts KAUFMAN

HCPD Fund Raiser

As is often the case, HCPD is scraping the bottom of the barrel looking for cash to publish the Journal, purchase necessary supplies, fund other operating and maintenance costs, and continue improving the library, while at the same time keeping dues to a minimum. And once again we are calling on the resourcefulness and ingenuity of our members to keep us afloat. We asked the "List" (members using e-mail) to suggest ideas for a fund raiser.

Of many interesting and inviting suggestions, we chose one to raffle a "basket" filled with goods submitted by members from throughout the states. Each donation for the basket will be representative of the area from which it is sent. There is no minimum or maximum price limit on the donations, but they should not be perishable, and size should be considered so we don't need a Texas-sized basket. We are calling the basket the *HCPD Holiday Heritage Basket*. Here are the rules...

Donation of Goods: Please wrap each donation (any paper will do) & label with your name, state, and what the item is (food, glass, woodworking, etc). Anytime before the drawing date, mail the donation to Ruth HIGHLAND, Rt 1 Box 247, Lost Creek, WV 26385-5791, or bring it to the HCPD Library in Horner.

Raffle Tickets: \$1 per ticket, or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Buy as many as you wish. Make checks payable to Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendants and send to HCPD, PO Box 56, Horner, WV, 26372. Credit cards are acceptable for 6 or more...call or e-mail Joy Stalnaker for details on how to do it.

Public sales of raffle tickets are encouraged!!!! Ruth has a picture to add to posters as advertisement for public sales (at shopping centers, malls, etc). If you would like to have a copy, let Ruth know...she will send you one so you can do your own posters.

The Drawing: November 22, 1999...at the Library.

Questions/Suggestions? Contact Ruth Highland at the address above or by e-mail at Flower387@aol.com. Ruth HIGHLAND

Re-Print - *Greenbrier County Family Heritage*

The publisher of *Greenbrier County Family Heritage* has decided to go public again. A limited number of the reprinted books will be available. Pre-print cost is \$60, after-print is \$70. Many splendid pages of family histories and extraordinary stories. Send checks to Elizabeth BEALL at 209 Valley St., St. Albans, WV 25177. Advertisement



Genealogy Genius

Here are more hints, tips, and brilliant flashes of genius on how to get more from genealogy research efforts. HCPD members are encouraged to share tricks they have tried and found useful, keeping the explanations simple so it doesn't take an Einstein to figure them out.

Interpreting Deeds and Wills. On most deeds are the signatures of two or more persons. The first signature is always from the husband's side and the next is from the wife's side. This was done to protect the wife's dower right under the law. Often, this can provide a clue to the wife's maiden name. (Ed. Note: But be cautious...sometimes the name/signature of a friend or neighbor might be found on a legal document in place of that of the family member.) Don't assume that every child is listed in a person's will. Prior to the 1780's, the British law of primogeniture, which held sway in the colonies, dictated that upon his death, a father's real property passed to the eldest son. Sometimes, the eldest son was not mentioned in a will because the father knew the son would receive the property by law.

Vivian HYTOVICK

Copyright Laws. Works created since Jan 1, 1978 are protected from the point "when work is fixed in tangible medium of expression" for term of "life [of the author] plus 70 years." If of corporate authorship, the work is protected for 95 years from publication, or 120 years from creation, whichever is first. A work published before 1923 is now in public domain and no longer protected. A work published between 1923 and 1963 is protected "when published with notice" for 28 years which could be renewed for a total of 67 years. If not renewed, it is now in public domain. A work published between 1964 and 1977 is protected from the time it was published with notice for "28 years for first term; now automatic extension of 67 years for second term." A work created before 1/1/78 but not published is protected from 1/1/78, the effective date of the 1976 Act which eliminated common law copyright, for a term "Life plus 70 years, or 12/31/2002, whichever is greater."

A work created before 1/1/78 but published between then and 12/31/2002 is protected "from 1/1/78, the effective date of the 1976 Act which eliminated common law copyright" for a term "Life plus 70 years or 12/31/2047, whichever is greater." All of the above is the result of the "Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act" signed by President Clinton on 27 October 1998.

Only creative parts of a document are copyrighted...not the facts like birth, marriage, and death date or place. "Herkimer C. Jones went west in 1849," is not copyrightable. Even "Herkimer went west in '49 searching for gold," is not copyrightable. A paragraph

about Herkimer using descriptive words would be copyrightable, e.g., "The adventurous Herkimer, intent on seeking his fortune, mounted his trusty mule, Hellraiser, and headed into the foothills in search of his fortune" would be copyrightable. Of course, it's common courtesy and good reporting technique to footnote a source even when using just "facts." However, check accuracy of the source before considering the "facts" to be gospel. Margie PRICE

HEADSTONE PHOTOS

Photos with Corn Starch. Get a luffa sponge (vegetable sponge) and clean the stone with it. It will not harm the stone just clean off all the old "crud." Then take an old sock, fill with corn starch, and pat in over the stones face, then run the luffa lightly over it. The corn starch will stay in the indentations (words) and they will show up very well on film. The next rain will wash it away and you have a stone better than when you found it. Author unknown...submitted by Betty Lou STOUT

Photos with Reflected Light. I have a way [to bring out the inscriptions] that isn't in any way destructive to the tombstone. On a sunlit day take along a mirror and reflect sunlight, at a very flat angle, across the surface of the marker and watch the words jump at you. I don't carry anything else with me to the cemetery to help with the words but one of my wife's compacts, empty of course, and I have read thousands of markers. Bill FLOYD

HEADSTONE RUBBINGS

Rubbings with Square Crayon/Special Paper. On our recent trip to West Virginia, I made some headstone rubbings with a square crayon and ALVA-LINE paper (both available from arts and crafts and office products stores). The paper is a 16 pound Vellum, 100% cotton fiber, costing about \$6.50 for 18 inches X 5 yards. The trick is to tape the paper on the stone as tightly as possible and to do the rubbing when there is no wind or rain. Carol YAKUPCAK

Rubbings with Paraffin/Soot. A book I had called for "a heel ball (a mixture of wax and lampblack)" and "student-grade rice paper or aquaba paper (also known as detail paper)." I couldn't find a heel ball or lampblack, so I so I got soot out of my fireplace and worked it into melted paraffin (from the canning section of a supermarket). I can't give you specific amounts, but it became obvious as I played with the materials when it was a good color. You have to be careful about melting paraffin...it's very flammable. And use an old pan, for I'm talking about dirty! I practiced with balls of various sizes before I went to West Virginia to do it seriously. No ball was bigger than a tennis ball. The results were good. At first I thought there would be a problem with the wax "running" into the paper, but there was no problem. The rice paper, by the way, is very soft and flexible, too, so it worked well with old grave markers. Carol McCAMMON



1. Searching for the parents of Robert F. **GREEN**, born Feb. 1847, died April 1922 in Webster County, WV. Robert's spouse was Mary A. (no maiden name known) and they are both buried at Meadowland Cemetery in Bergoo, Webster County, WV. Any information on this family will be appreciated. Please contact Sherri **BRAKE-RECCO**, 12451 Chestnut Street NW, Canal Fulton, Ohio 44614, or e-mail riverstx@sssnet.com

2. Seeking information on Nicholas B. **ALLEN**, born in Virginia about 1825. Married Margaret **SMITH**, who was born in West Virginia about 1823. Also seeking information on Jepha **SMITH** who married Catherine **KERNS**. They had a daughter, Catherine "Kitty" **SMITH**, who married John Branch **DAWSON** in Clarksburg Sep 17, 1861. Please respond to Sharon **GREEN**, 240 Mays Bend Lane, Pell City, AL 35128 or e-mail sgreen9103@aol.com.

3. Looking for any information on Dr. Franklin **McKINLEY**. Have a typewritten copy of his obituary in a family file, but it doesn't list the newspaper it was copied from or his year of death. He was a native of Lewis county where he had a medical practice for many years, but he died in Parkersburg. His wife was Grace **FINK**, and he had three daughters: Alrose **McKINLEY**, Marion **McKINLEY**, and Lorraine **McKINLEY**. He also had two brothers: Aldo and James **McKINLEY**, and a sister: Mrs. Alvin **STARCHER**. Would appreciate any further information. Please reply to Sharon **GREEN**, 240 Mays Bend Lane, Pell City, AL 35128, or e-mail SGreen9103@aol.com.

4. Aaron **FACEMIRE**, born 1805 in NJ, married Margaret **ASHLEY** in 1831 in Kanawha Co WV. They had 13 children. Their son Andrew Lewis born 1834, married Margaret Jane **HOOVER** in Braxton Co in 1859. They had 8 children. Their son James Lewis born 1878, married Margaret Rulla Ollie **CRITES** in 1897, Braxton Co. They had 10 children. Cecil Clay born 1917, married Golda May **PATRICK** in 1942. They had two children, Sharon and David. They live in Fairfax, Va now. I would like to find the parents of Margaret **ASHLEY**, and where they are all buried. I have not started the process of collecting birth, marriage and death certificates on these families yet, although I hope to this summer. Do any of the Heritage books cover any of these families, are they included in the cemetery books?? Is anyone researching any of these names as well as **GOLDEN** and **WYATT**? Please reply to Barbara **SCHULZ**, PO Box 1502, Oneco, FL 34264 or e-mail BJSGEN@aol.com.

5. I would like to hear from anyone researching this family. Jemima **HARRIS**, daughter of John **HARRIS** and Jemima (?) born about 1819, possibly in Lewis County. She married Thomas **WILSON** 23-April-1838 in Lewis County. They had two children: William and Permelia Ellen. In 1840, Jemima appeared with only two children in the

Braxton County census. She then married John **MAY** in Braxton County on 19-Feb-1842. John (32) and Jemima (31) appeared on the 1850 Nicholas County census with William (12) Permelia Ellen (10) and four additional children: Sylvester (7), Barbara (6), Havina (3) and Diannah (1). In the 1860 Nicholas County census, John (33) and "Mima" (35) appeared with the following Children: Granville (20), Barbary (14), Vess (12), Diana (10), Sevina (9), Susan (6), Agnes (14), Jno May (6). On 12 June 1861 in Nicholas County, a birth was registered to Mariah L. **MAY**, parents John and Jemima **MAY**. In the 1870 census in Nicholas County, Jemima (45) appeared without John, but the surname was **MAYS**. She had four children with her: John (19), Susan (17), Margaret (15), and Mary (12). NOTE: It is by now an established fact that Jemima could not keep track of the ages of her children or herself. What I'm trying to locate is a death date and place of burial for Thomas **WILSON**, John **MAY** and Jemima **HARRIS WILSON MAY**. Willing to correspond with anyone researching this family. Please contact Irene H. **BOGGS**, P.O.Box 710, Richwood, WV, 26261-0710, or e-mail hobo@richwoodwv.com.

6. Looking for the names of the children of William **POWER(S)**, b. ca. 1765, Revolutionary War soldier (Indian spy), died after 1855 in Hackerstown area of Lewis Co., WV. Also was Sheriff and Justice of the Peace, in 1846. Please contact Donald Power **MAXWELL, Jr.**, M.D., 4905 Dreyfous Avenue, Metairie, LA 70006-1222, ph: 504-454-2324, FAX: 504-780-8094, email: dmaxwel@mailhost.tcs.tulane.edu.

7. **NORMAN, HARDMAN, and PRITCHETT**. Looking for the father of James **NORMAN**, b. 1780. James married Margaret **SANGER**, b 1784; both possibly born in the Hacker's Creek area. James's son was Stephen Amos **NORMAN**, a Methodist Episcopal Minister. Stephen married Francis **PRITCHETT**. They were married by Rev. John **MITCHELL**. Francis's maternal grandfather fought in the Revolution. Any help along these lines would be appreciated. Just recently visited WV and went to HCPD Library and visited Jesse's Run, the cemetery where Peterman and Charlotte **HARDMAN** are buried. Please reply to Donna **NORMAN BLACKMAN RUHE**, HCR 66, Box 197A, Newport, NH 03773-8301, or e-mail l&druhe@turbont.net.

8. **RUNYAN** (and variations), **ELLSWORTH, BENNETT, CUSTER, LYNCH, BUSH, CHEUVRONT**. I am researching the **RUNYON/RUNYAN/RUNNION** families of Monongalia/Harrison Counties, W(VA), in particular, William and Catharine (**CUSTER**) **RUNYAN**. This family migrated to Warren County, OH, by/bef 1805. Surnames of some of the spouses of William's children were **ELLSWORTH, BENNETT, LYNCH**, and possibly **CHEUVRONT**. It's believed William **RUNYAN**'s brothers were John (m. Susannah **CUSTER**); Henry (m. Mary **BUSH**, widow of Michael **HAGLE** and daughter of George **BUSH**), and probably Elijah (m. Catherine _____). Would like to correspond with others researching any of these families. Please reply to Judy **TOOMAN**, 3790 Becket Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906-4810, or e-mail jetoo@aol.com.

9. Seeking any documentation that John **RYAN** born 17??, married Susannah **BRIGGS**, daughter of William **BRIGGS**, 17 Sep 1815 in Randolph County. John is the son of John **RYAN** born Hampshire County, VA, 1769, died Randolph County, 1838. John Sr.

married Sarah **TALBOTT**, 9 Aug 1792 (need to prove this marriage and date). Have a copy of Pension file from National Archives. Please reply to Bridgette **OSZ**, 164 Chase Road, Steubenville, Ohio 43953, or e-mail mrsosz@eohio.net.

10. **SULLIVAN, SWOPE/SCHWAB, RAINEY**. Catherine **SULLIVAN** b. in 1756, was named d/o Timothy **SULLIVAN** in his will dated 15 May 1801 in Monroe Co., (W)VA. She m. Joseph **SWOPE** 3 Apr 1774. He was b. in Augusta Co., VA on 11 Aug 1751, as s/o Joseph **SCHWAB/SWOPE** from Sinsheim, Baden, Germany. The wife of Timothy **SULLIVAN** was named "Ketty," a sister in the will of Michael **RAINEY**, d. 1784 in Monroe Co., (W)VA. Need proof of **RAINEY** relationship. Please contact Bette **BUTCHER TOPP**, 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218-2917 email: toppline@cet.com.

11. **SULLIVAN**. Need help on Timothy **SULLIVAN** (see query above). Was he the father of a Nathaniel **SULLIVAN** whose estate was settled - list of Sale Jun 1841, Dec 1843, Oct 1850. Nathaniel's 19 Mar 1839 will lists devisees Robert and James as sons and Lydia as a daughter. Who was this Nathaniel? Appreciate any help on this **SULLIVAN** family. Please contact Bette **BUTCHER TOPP** - 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218-2917 email: toppline@cet.com.

12. **MANN, CARPENTER**. John **MANN** was husband of Damis or Francis **CARPENTER**. He was b. prior to 1830, possibly in Ireland, s/o John **MANN**, Sr. Only known children I have listed are John III (was in Battle of Point Pleasant); William (also in battle) and Elizabeth, who m. Jeremiah **CARPENTER** 8 Mar 1785 in Alderson, WV. They are both possibly buried in the Skidmore Bottom area, near junction of Holly and Elk rivers. They were last listed in the 1830 census of Braxton Co., WV. Anyone working on these families is asked to contact Bette **BUTCHER TOPP** - 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218-2917 email: toppline@cet.com.

13. **BRAKE, THORN, RACLIFF/RATLIFF**

a. Frederick **THORN**, born Hardy Co. about 1765, married Catherine _____ about 1789. They lived on Mill Creek in (Grant) Hardy Co. on the Fairfax Line. Catherine's 2nd husband was Jacob **SMITH** and they lived in Randolph (Barbour) Co. in 1810 and in Lewis Co. in 1820. Who were Frederick's parents? What was Catherine's maiden name?

b. Nimrod **THORN**, born about 1812 Hardy Co., died in 1877. He is buried in North Mill Creek Baptist Cemetery. His mother in his death record was shown as Mary A. **THORN** but most sources show her as Mary Ann **RADCLIFF** or **RATLIFF**, born 1781-87, died 1880 and buried on North Mill Creek. Nimrod **THORN** apparently shows up as Nimrod **RATLIFF** in the 1830 Hardy Co. tax list. He married Elizabeth about 1832. What was her maiden name? Who was Nimrod's father? Was his mother born a **THORN** or a **RADCLIFF**?

c. George Michael **WILFONG's** daughter, Christina, was born late 1700s and by 1811 married ??? **THORN**. What was the first name of her husband? Where did they go?

d. William **RADCLIFF**, born about 1763, died in 1849 and was buried in the Borrer-Riggelman Cemetery on the Grant-Pendleton Co. line. His wife was Catherine. They lived in Lewis Co. in the 1820s. What was the maiden name of Catherine? How many children did they have?

e. Elizabeth **BRAKE**, born about 1804, was a "single woman" in Lewis Co. by 1826, according to Lewis Co. loose records at WVU library, and she testified that at a house occupied by her near William **RADCLIFF's** she delivered a male child. She named this child Jesse **BROWN**, possibly after Jesse **RADCLIFF**. William D. **RADCLIFF** posted bond for John **BROWN** who was the father. She later married Ed **MONEYPENNY**. Was Elizabeth related to William **RADCLIFF**?

f. Polly Ann **RADCLIFF**, born about 1815, is in the Lewis Co. loose records at WVU. She testified in 1832 that she was a granddaughter of William **RADCLIFF**, that she had a female child in 1832, the father being Jasper **BUTCHER**. In Lewis Co. Record Book 1832-37 on page 66, this case is dealt with and Polly is called Polly **BRAKE**, Polly **JORDAN**, & Polly **RADCLIFF** in the same record. She named the child Elizabeth. Polly married Solomon **RADCLIFF/RATLIFF** and her family was in Nicholas County in 1850 and Wyoming County in 1860. Who were the parents of Polly **RADCLIFF**? Where did the child Elizabeth go? Who were the parents of Solomon **RADCLIFF**? Who were the descendants of this couple.

g. Isaac **RADCLIFF**, son of William and Catherine, born about 1792 and died in Lewis Co. in 1853. He married Margaret _____. What was her maiden name? Who were their children?

h. Michael **BRAKE** in October 1800 is in the Hardy Co. Court Book as the father of a female child begotten by (his future wife) Elizabeth **DASHER**. Pendleton Co. Order Book in 1812 shows that Catherine **BRAKE**, aged 10, was bound to William **DYRE**. Do these two records reflect the same girl or two different ones?

Anyone with knowledge of the above is encouraged to write to David **ARMSTRONG**, 201 Graham St., Elkins, WV, 26241.

14. We are looking for information on the family of Paulser B. **PARSONS** & his first wife Statira **CONNOLLY** of Lewis, Gilmer then Calhoun County in (W)VA during the early to mid 1800's. His second wife was Nancy **MACE** (d/o Henry & Sarah). Our line is through their son Edward Paulser (5/1848-1906) who married Sarepta **COTTRILL/COTRIL** (d/o Gemima **COTRIL**) in March of 1872. Their children were: Daniel E. **PARSONS**, b. 6/2/1874 ; Philip P. **PARSONS**, b. 2/10/1875; Paulcer Jerry **PARSONS**, b. 5/12/1877, all born in Gilmer Co. Paulcer Jerry "Ozzie" **PARSONS** m.

#1 Lillie **MOORE**, March 1899 in Gilmer Co; m. #2 Florida **RICHARDS** in Calhoun Co Feb 22, 1930 {d/o Ulysses Grant **RICHARDS**/Nancy **McCARTNEY**; gr/d/o Wm J. **McCARTNEY**/Florida **ROBINSON** & John Marshall **RICHARDS**, Christiana **BARKER WILSON**; g gr/d/o George D. **McCARTNEY**/Nancy **BENNETT** & Michael **RICHARDS**/Caroline **WILSON** ; gg gr/d/o George **RICHARDS**/Catherine **BUSH**. Would like to get leads on info verifying Paulser B. **PARSONS** as s/o Joseph **PARSONS** & Elizabeth **BUSH** (m. 1804 Harrison Co., VA) Would also like to find old family papers, bible records, or photos on ANY of the above listed families. All help is GREATLY APPRECIATED! Thanks for your time. You can contact me at: Floa **SWISHER**, Rt 3. Box 272, Washington, WV 26181 OR by e-mail at fswv@netassoc.net.

15. Looking for information about the family, especially the ancestors, of Amos **FREESTONE** (ca. 1782 - aft. 1864) and Sarah **REEDER** (Sep 15, 1784 - 10 Oct, 1845). In the early 19th century, Amos owned land on Little Hacker's Creek, near Philippi in Barbour Co, WV. Please send any information to Dale **GERBOTH** at 3504 Winter Place, Enumclaw, WA 98022, or e-mail dlgt@tx3.com

16. Does anyone know where James Norman Harrison **WINDON** (d. 1920) and wife Margaret Ann **ROSS WINDON** are buried in Doddridge County? Please contact Linda **HERSMAN LAWSON**, 4714 Kootenai St., Boise, ID 83705, or e-mail lindakl@micron.net.

17. Does anyone have a record of where Archibald **COOL** is buried. He was born ca. 1839, Braxton Co WV(VA). According to a book on the Virginia State Rangers and Virginia State Line, Archibald died during the Civil War in Wytheville VA on January 23, 1863. He was enlisted in the 3rd Virginia State Line Co. A. His father was Walter **COOL** of Webster/Braxton County. I would like to know where he is buried so I can see about decorating his grave through the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Please contact Sherri **BRAKE-RECCO**, 12451 Chestnut Street NW, Canal Fulton, Ohio 44614, or e-mail riverstx@sssnet.com.

18. I am looking for a picture of my grandmother Zimena or Zennovia **MILROY BONNETT**, born 1n 1873, died 1902 or 1905. She married Scott William **DODD** Oct 13, 1896. Milroy and Scott had three children...Holbert, John Leo and Jessie. My father (John) remembers the family name **COLLINS** or **CULLINS** took the **DODD** children in. The **COLLINS/CULLINS** family had a store on Pickle Street. Need any info on what happened to the siblings after the death of Milroy. My father, John Leo **DODD**, was around 2 years old at the time of Milroy's death. My father is deceased and all I ever knew was that he was born at Alum Bridge. The youngest picture I have of him is at age 16. Would also like any pictures of him. I also need help on the **DODD** side. Milroy is buried at Blackburn Church by his sister Margaret M. **WAUGH**. **MILROY BONNETT**'s parents where John **KEE** and Sarah A. **CONLEY KING**. Other siblings where Loyana or Lorena, and Roscoe. I want to thank all the help I get from my Hacker's Creek friends and especially a big thanks to Glea **WAUGH** whose husband is my 2nd

cousin. If you can help, please contact me collect at (304) 366-3034. call. My address is Ettajean (**MILROY DODD**) **VINCENT**, 1604 Pleasant Valley Road, Fairmont, WV, 26554, or email dv@neumedia.net .

19. I would greatly appreciate any information pertaining to the death of my great-great grandfather **Elias T. SNIDER** of Webster in Taylor County WV(VA). **Elias T.** was born in 1832, a son of **Elijah** and **Barsheba MORGAN SNIDER**. His father, **Elijah**, was a son of **John SNIDER**, an Indian captive, who settled large land holdings in Monongalia Co. before the Revolution. **Elias T.** had a brother **Enoch Evans** and sisters **Melissa Ann (Elizabeth?)**, **Elva**, and **Dorcas**.

Elias T. married **Sarah CRISS**, a daughter of **Moses CRISS**, in the 1850's. The 1860 Taylor Co. census shows this couple with the following children: **Eliza A.**, **Elissa A.**, **Elias A.**, and **Charity Ann**. Another son, **Enoch Evans**, my great-grandfather, was born Jan 1, 1861 and died Feb 15, 1933 in Marion Co.

I have been unable to locate any records regarding the fate of **Elias T. SNIDER** after the 1860 census, despite years of search. **Sarah CRISS SNIDER** was remarried by the 1870 census to **Eli McWILLIAMS**, a man 22 years her senior. Living with them are her sons **Elias A.**, 13 and **Enoch E.**, 9. Taylor Co. marriage records show they were married Dec 10, 1863. By the 1880 Taylor Co. census, **Sarah** (now widow **McWILLIAMS**) is shown living in Booth Creek District with her daughter, **Lizzie A.**, and **Lizzie's** husband **Silvester PATRICK**, a grocer, age 38. The **Patrick** children are listed as **Clifton**, **Ernest**, and **James**. These sons are grandchildren of **Elias T.** and **Sarah**. Please send any information pertaining to **Elias T. Snider** to contact' **Michael Evans SNYDER**, Rt. 3, Box 200, Harman, WV 26270 or call (304) 227-4565.

20. Researching the **Willis TAYLOR** family from Randolph County. **Willis TAYLOR**, b. abt 1788, d. 1863, and his wife **Sarah CLARK**, b. 1796, d. 1866. Their children (1) **Jess TAYLOR**, m. **Sarah HERIN**; (2) **Julia TAYLOR**, 1821 - 1897, m. **George Washington WARE**; (3) **Mary TAYLOR**, b. 1823, m. **John W. LOKEY**; (5) **Wm. Randolph TAYLOR**, b. 1823, m. **Nancy M. DAVIS**, (6) **George TAYLOR**, 1825 - 1886, m. **Frances V. HERRON**; (7) **Phebe Jane TAYLOR**, b. 1827, m. **James H. McLAUGHLIN**; (8) **Preston TAYLOR**, 1828 - 1903, m. **Elizabeth GOODEN**; (9) **Elizabeth TAYLOR**, b. 1832, m. **Jesse CHANNEL**; (10) **Jerome TAYLOR**, b. 1833; (11) **Thomas Curtis TAYLOR**, 1835 - 1871, m. **Martha (_____)**. My line is **William Randolph TAYLOR**. I'd like to share descendants information with other researchers. Please contact **Rita GOODWIN**, Route One, Box 191, Carnegie, OK 73015 or email rgoodwin@westok.net.

21. I have been stonewalled on my **Allman** family for 4 years. I am searching for **Benjamin ALLMAN**, b. 1780 in DE. Cannot find his parents or siblings. He married **Mary McCULLOUGH** b. 1794 in PA, d/o **John/Sarah McCULLOUGH** who came to NJ 1755 from Ireland. **Mary** and **Benjamin** moved into WV(VA) **Ohio County** (then **Marshall County**), then moved to **Wood County** in 1860. **Benjamin** died Oct-Nov 1860, **Mary** died 1876, **Marshall County**, buried in **Robert's Ridge**. Cannot find any death records

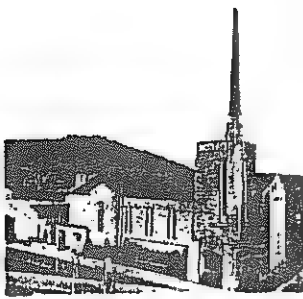
on either one. Cannot find Benjamin's grave; found Mary's. They had 11 children most born in Marshall County. Stumped on his beginnings. Please send any information to Mary Ann ZERVOS, 28 William St, Copiague, NY 11726, or by e-mail to mazttf@aol.com.

22. I am looking for information on the burial site of my gg grandfather John Scott RIFFLE. He was born March 8, 1848 in Orlando, Lewis Co., (W)VA to Jacob Isaac RIFFLE and Francina Elizabeth BLAKE. His first wife, Mary Ann SKINNER died May 13, 1905 and is buried in Orlando Cemetery. After her death he married Mrs. Nancy (KELLER) TAYLOR in 1907. I have been unable to locate a record or gravestone for the place of burial for John Scott RIFFLE or his wife Nancy. I also need a date for her death. Any help greatly appreciated! Please contact Cindy ETHIER-KOSTKA at JCCEKOST@aol.com or 12 Montello St. Ext., Brockton, MA 02301-7101.

23. I am seeking information on the deaths and places of burial for my ggg grandparents, Granville B. SKINNER and Martha A. WALTON SKINNER. Granville may have died October 18, 1892 and Martha may have died September 13, 1883. I have been told they lived on the farm of their son John Jackson SKINNER on Fleshy/Flesher Run. There is supposed to be an old orchard on the property where there was a fence erected around the family graves. Due to the building of the Burnsville Dam, you can not access the area from Orlando except by boat and hiking. The area of the orchard is not under water. If anyone has any information on the burial sites for Granville and Martha, please contact Cindy ETHIER-KOSTKA at JCCEKOST@aol.com or 12 Montello St. Ext., Brockton, MA 02301-7101.

24. I am looking for descendants of Opal May SKINNER and Clem Henderson CRISLIP. Opal's mother was a sister to my great grandfather and I'd like to update their family in my files. Opal and Clem's children were named: Effie Maxine, Joseph Charles, Eileen Lula, James Ronald, William Donald and Jack Glen. If anyone can help locate them, please contact Cindy ETHIER-KOSTKA at JCCEKOST@aol.com or 12 Montello St. Ext., Brockton, MA 02301-7101.

25. My 7th g-grandmother was Anna Elizabeth SEIBERT, married to John Nicholas HAEFFNER (whose name changed to HEAVNER and HEVENER and sometimes seen as HAVENER, HEFFNER). The HAEFFNER family lived right next to Fort Seybert, having traveled down the Shenandoah from Berks Co., PA with the SEIBERTS. I recently read that "a HAVENER girl" was taken captive in a Shawnee raid and held for 20 years. She supposedly was Maria Johanna HEVENER, who was my 6th g-grand aunt and the sister of my 6th g-grandfather, John Jacob HEVENER. I'd like to get more info on this. The DYER family has very good information about the fate of their family members, but I can't seem to locate much info on the other captives. If you have any information on the Shawnee raid on Fort Seybert that might have resulted in the capture of a HAVENER/HEVENER girl, please contact Autumn KRUEER, 6053 Hwy 421 N, Bedford, KY 40006, or by e-mail at AutumnK@prodigy.net.



Getting to Clarksburg in 1788

The following was found on the web site (www.cfumc.org) of the First United Methodist Church of Clarksburg, WV, and is used here with the permission of the Reverend Craig MICHEL, pastor. HCPD thanks the current and past leaders of the church for providing this interesting look at our past. *Editorial Staff*

Bishop ASBURY states in his journal he had a quarterly meeting in Rehoboth Church July 5 & 6, 1788 and on Monday the 7th set out for Clarksburg, to hold a quarterly meeting, accompanied by William PHOEBUS, heretofore named as pastor of Redstone Circuit, and Valentine COOK, later to be pastor and Presiding Elder of Clarksburg Circuit.

Bishop ASBURY wrote in his journal: "Monday, 7 - Our troubles began; it being the day we set out for Clarksburg. Thirty miles brought us to W____'s on the Great Levels.

"Tuesday 8 - Reached MCNEAL'S on the Little Levels, where almost the whole settlement came together for preaching. Our brother Phoebus had to answer questions propounded to him until evening.

"Wednesday, 9 - We rode to Clover Lick to a very remote and exposed house, where we found lodging.

"Thursday, 10 - We had to cross the Allegheny mountains again at a bad passage. Our course lay over mountains and through valleys, and the mud and mire was such as might scarcely be expected in December. We came to an old, forsaken habitation in Tyger's (Tygart) Valley. Here our horses grazed about, while we boiled our meat. Midnight brought us up at JONES'S after riding forty, or perhaps fifty miles. The old man, our host, was kind enough to wake us up at four o'clock in the morning.

Friday, 11 We journeyed on through devious lonely wiles, where no food might be found, except what grew in the woods or was carried with us. We met with two women who were going to see their friends, and attend the quarterly meeting at Clarksburg. Near midnight we stopped at A____'s, who hissed his dogs on us; but the women were determined to get to the quarterly meeting so we went in. Our supper was tea. Brother Phoebus and COOK took to the woods; old _____ gave up his bed to the women. I lay along the floor on a few deer-skins with the fleas. That night our poor horses got no corn; the next morning they had to swim across the Monongahela. After a twenty mile ride we came to Clarksburg; and man and beast were so outdone that it took us ten hours to accomplish it. I lodged with Col. JACKSON. Our meeting was held in a long, close room belonging to the Baptists. Our use of the house it seems gave offense. There attended about 700 people to whom I preached with freedom; and I believe the Lords' power reached the hearts of some. After administering the Sacrament, I was well satisfied to take my leave." This building was said to stand on the present site of the Gore Hotel. Some authorities say it was a log barn belonging to Daniel DAVISSON."

Whether it was the Baptists or the Methodists who gave the "offense" Bishop ASBURY referred to we do not know. However, it is the tradition that Bishop ASBURY, while at the quarterly meeting suggested and urged the proper way out of the difficulty, was for the society to build a church of their own in which to worship. Immediately thereafter, 1788, a log church was erected on the lot, where the Randolph Academy was erected five years later. (The Randolph Academy was later used as a hospital in the Civil War and up until the 1960's was used as a grammar school, Towers)

Pastor Thomas BEEKS, in 1822, pointed out the need for a larger and better church and steps were taken to purchase a lot and erect a better church in which to worship.

One of the members, Doctor James McCALLY, joined his pastor in urging the building of a new church, and for one dollar he conveyed a lot lying just east of the Randolph Academy lot, to John WEBSTER, Samuel HAYS, Michael DUNN, Samuel BUTTERS and Stephen DICKS, by deed dated 25 May 1822 and of record in the County Clerk's office in Deed Book 15, page 288, "in trust that they shall erect and build, or cause to be erected and built, thereon a house or place of worship, for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, according to the rules and discipline of the Church, and upon the further condition, that the duly authorized ministers, and preachers, belonging to said church, shall at all times, forever hereafter be allowed to preach and expound God's holy word therein."

This time, they used brick instead of logs. It was a plain rectangular room, high enough to have a gallery in which the slaves or colored members could sit and hear the gospel preached. Even at that early day some Methodists believed a colored man had a soul and ought to be free. The seed that later divided the church was being sown. A strip of land thirty feet wide was added to the south side of this lot by deed from Edward McCOLLOUGH made 27 September 1833, and recorded in Deed Book No 22, page 113.

*Weston Democrat**September 6, 1875*

Nearly Six Hundred Years

On Monday last we were taking some depositions in the office of the Clerk of the County Court, when Colonel John McWHORTER was introduced as a witness. Although the old gentleman has reached the advanced age of 92 years, his mental and physical powers are still good, and his recollections of past events are singularly bright. While he was giving his testimony, Colonel William McKINLEY, who is in his 80th year, came into the office to attend to some law business. Upon looking across the street at the passersby, we notice in a few moments Mr. Jacob BUTCHER, aged 81, Captain G. W. JACKSON, aged 85, Mr. Levi MAXWELL, aged 88, Mr. Hugh GASTON, aged 88, and Mr. Benjamin OWEN, aged 79. All were tramping along, apparently in good health. Their ages in the aggregate is 593 years. Three of this number are veterans of the War of 1812, Colonel McWHORTER and Colonel McKINLEY having served during that struggle as officers in the Virginia Volunteers, which Captain JACKSON served as a Captain in the United States regular army during the same war. Mr. OWEN is the oldest printer in the state and probably in the United States. He was apprenticed to the trade in 1806 and worked actively at the trade until shortly before the (Civil) War. He was at one time a partner in business with the late Horace GREELEY.



Typical HCPD-List member taking advantage
of all available time and resources

HCPD-L *News and Views*

by Betty WIMER GRAYBILL

What is HCPD-L, you might ask? The HCPD-L, or HCPD-List, as its members are called, share, for the most part, genealogical data and research help with other on-line internet members. We are also known to share a tall tale and a recipe or two, but primarily, we "list" the surnames that we are researching and then sit back and watch the cousins come pouring into our computer monitors. Well, it might not be QUITE that simple, but if you don't find that you share a family line with someone on the List, it will not be because other members have not tried hard to assist you.

Member Jack BERTHY graciously maintains a surname index file that keeps track of what surnames each individual is researching. He also provides us with a current membership and e-mail address roster. The surname file helps define who is working on the same families in whom you might be interested. But before you use the surname index file, you will have used the wonderful technical and organizational skills of Sara PYLE and Phil STACKHOUSE, who literally keep the List on track and on-line.

This explanation brought to mind the opening lyrics from the television show *Cheers*. It went something like "It's where everyone knows your name and they are always glad you came." HCPD-L shares that same love of Central West Virginia genealogy with our fellow HCPD members all over the country. We on the List are able to come to each other's screen and call a member by name at lightning speed, something the early Hacker's Creek pioneers never dreamed possible. Believe it or not, for the first six months of 1999 there were over 6,200 on-line messages available to all on the List.

Genealogy is not the only topic on the List. We have had some lively discussions on whether we want to limit our conversations to a strictly genealogical content. The group consensus was to keep it a friendly exchange where computer tips, the weather conditions, family illnesses, and other news and views could be contributed as well. Many identify these other messages as being non-genealogy related by typing a NG on the subject line. All those not interested can hit the DELETE key.

When a member is experiencing one of the many bumps in Life's Highway, the group offers kind words of comfort and encouragement. We call that sending "juice" their way. From the many talented folks who are with us on-line comes expert advice on maintaining

Family Tree Maker and other such genealogy programs, how to buy the best computer equipment, and how not to "mess up" all of the above. As an indication that spring had finally arrived, some Listers even exchanged ramp humor and recipes for that tangy woodland delight. Need help finding the cemetery on Dumpling Run where your GGGG grandpappy is laid to rest? Post a query on the List and within minutes you will have complete directions and perhaps an offer to send an e-photo of the family plot.

The List shows its dedication to HCPD in many ways. We recognize that fund raising is such an important and integral part of a nonprofit organization, such as HCPD. Many on the List have suggested ideas that might be implemented to assist with the Library renovations and book purchases, one of our biggest expenses. In May, I suggested that HCPD members adopt some of the monthly operating expenses, such as utilities, that are incurred by the Library. In return for sponsoring a bill, the sponsor receives a lovely Cabbage Patch-like doll adoption certificate. To date, the yearly garbage and water bills, and the HC Journal postage costs have been adopted. This frees more cash flow toward the much-needed repairs.

In June we found our Listers conducting an on-line auction, selling an autographed picture of Jack **BERTHY**, AKA Captain Jack to other Listers, to the highest bidder. He must be a real celebrity because we were able to raise \$358.00 for new books. Becky **BROGIE** organized the auction and Gloria **HUSK** had the winning bid.

Our current project is helping with a Basket Raffle. All HCPD members are encouraged to donate goods indigenous to their part of the country. These items will be arranged in a beautiful Longaberger Basket, donated by Diane **ZIMMERMAN**, and sold by raffle. Tickets may be purchased 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. If you want a raffle ticket, make your checks payable to HCPD and send to HCPD, P.O. Box 56, Horner, WV 26372. If you want to donate an item for the basket, wrap it and label it with your name, state, and identity of item, and mail it to Ruth **HIGHLAND**, Rt. 1, Box 247, Lost Creek, WV 26385. The drawing for that lucky winner will be held Thanksgiving week. Proceeds go to benefit HCPD. Ruth, the raffle organizer, says sales are open to the public, too.

HCPD Vice President Mary Creamer has challenged our HCPD-L creativity with a Best Autobiography Contest, suggested by Dan **HYDE**. Prizes are being awarded for the most humorous, most adventurous, and most complete in 1000 words, or less. Do you think you have led an interesting life? Send your autobiography to Horner.

The List also gives us a vehicle for airing our views, hopefully after attaching a non-genealogy label to our message. We vented our outrage about the paint ball party that damaged the old Weston State Hospital Building and about some of our Library's reference materials taking a busman's holiday from the shelves. We sent e-mails to the WV Governor's office asking that those involved in the damage to the Hospital be punished. We expressed regret that the actions of a few could influence our Library's policy on library visits and use of books.

If you would be interested in joining HCPD-L, just e-mail the folks at HCPD-L-REQUEST@rootsweb.com and be sure to mention the word subscribe in your message. What? You don't have a computer or an internet system like WebTV? Well...that IS one prerequisite for joining the List. Think about it, though...you, too, can be a part of a group where "everyone knows your name and is glad you came " ☺.

My thanks go to Joy STALNAKER and Joy COTTRILL for the wonderful job they do manning the HCPD home front for us. The merry band of volunteers that assists the Joys in everything from answering phones to painting the Library, are simply tops. This first *HCPD-L - News and Views* is dedicated to a sweet lady, Addie HICKMAN, who typifies what HCPD-L is all about...caring and sharing. Hello, Aunt Addie, out there at the end of the rainbow in Topeka, Kansas! Until next time...have the best time. With much HCPD-Love...
Betty

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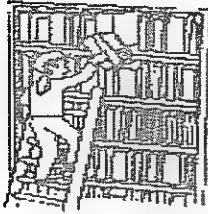
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FA	622	<i>Giffin-Griffitte & Quinn Families</i>	
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OB	60 to OB 67	<i>Abstracts of Obits Western Christian Advocate</i>	
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JO	211G	<i>Braxton County Journal</i>	
OS	51A	<i>Ulster Plantation Historical Account, Pt 1</i>	David Armstrong
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CR	38	<i>Marion County Voters Registration 1888</i>	
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CE	27B	<i>Braxton County Cemeteries, Vol I</i>	
CE	66B	<i>Roane County Cemeteries</i>	
CE	83	<i>Fayette Co. - High Law Cemetery - Oak Hill</i>	Nettie Gregory
BR	290	<i>Roane County Births I-J</i>	
CS	95A	<i>Charles County, MD, 1775-1778</i>	
FA	657A	<i>Virginia Genealogies, Vol. 1</i>	Bill Hayes
FA	657B	<i>Virginia Genealogies, Vol. 2</i>	Bill Hayes
FA	657C	<i>Virginia Genealogies, Vol. 3</i>	Bill Hayes
FA	660	<i>Elisha Hall History, 1736-18??</i>	Roger/Trina Ryan
FA	661	<i>Sleeth Family of North America</i>	Mary Creamer
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FA	663	<i>Center Point</i>	Anne Mish
FA	664	<i>Stackpole Family</i>	Anne Mish
FA	444B	<i>Family Stories and Bible Records</i>	Lolita Guthrie

FA	666	<i>Clem Family</i>	Jeannette Bonnett
JO	60B	<i>Mountain News</i>	
LO	97	<i>Index to Monongehela of Old</i>	Mabel Tinney
LO	30B	<i>Index to Hardesty's Gilmer-Lincoln Wayne, and Ritchie Counties</i>	Mabel Tinney
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CE	91B	<i>Fairfax County, VA, Cemeteries Vol 2</i>	

CE	91C	<i>Fairfax County, VA, Cemeteries Vol 3</i>	
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FA	669	<i>Bishop John M & Susahha Sauder</i>	Vivian Hytovik
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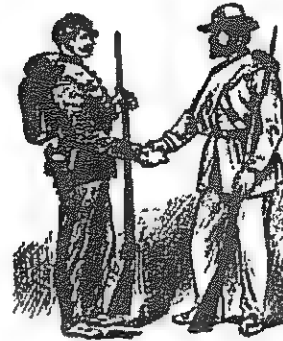
On behalf of the Archives and History Library and its patrons, we thank the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants for the donation of *Family Stories & Bible Records of Central West Virginia: Extracts from Clarksburg Exponent Telegram, April through September, 1932* and *Family Stories & Bible Records of Central West Virginia: Extracts from Clarksburg Exponent Telegram, October 1932 through February 1933*.

These publications compiled by Lolita A. GUTHRIE and published by Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants will be very useful reference volumes for those researching local history topics and families in central West Virginia. We are very pleased to have these to add to the collection.

We commend Ms. GUTHRIE for her work in reading the microfilm and compiling and indexing these two volumes based on the *Clarksburg Telegram*. We congratulate her and the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants on the accomplishment these two volumes represent and we are especially grateful for the gift of the two volumes to the Archives and History Library.

Signed Fredrick H. ARMSTRONG, Director, Archives and History

BOOK REVIEW

*Upshur Brothers
of the Blue and the Gray**by Betty Hornbeck**Review by Rosella SHEETS*

Editorial Staff Note: This review was written by Rosella "Rosie" SHEETS. It is a detailed, interesting, and informative review of a book that should be of great interest to HCPD members, especially those with interests in Upshur County. As the review indicates, all was not as congenial between brothers and other fellow West Virginians as might be gathered from the drawing above.

Upshur Brothers of the Blue and the Gray was originally published as a newspaper series and then printed as a pamphlet in 1962 by the *Republican Delta*, Buckhannon, WV. Betty HORNBECK states in the introduction that requests for the pamphlet were in such demand that McClain Publishing Company, Parsons, WV printed it as a book in 1967. The second edition, published in 1995, was expanded to 259 pages with maps, illustrations and an index. It is presented in two parts: narrative covers the first 153 pages, and the last section lists members of the various Companies, the report of Dr. J. J. Morgan of 1896 listing living and dead soldiers and the cemeteries where interred, and the "Roster of the 10th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 1861-1865."

It's impossible to cover every little detail in this book. Eliminated from review are accounts of several famous battles already published in other history books. The unique thing about this book is that chapters reflect personal involvement of the ordinary citizen through the use of excerpts from diaries, manuscripts written by participants in the Civil War, historical accounts reflecting life in Upshur County and oral tradition. To give just a flavor of what is in the book, each paragraph below is a short commentary of events taken from selected chapters.

The year is 1861 and it is Spring. Upshur County has a population of a little over 6900. Towns in the county, Buckhannon, French Creek and Centerville (Rock Cave) are bustling communities. Buckhannon, the county seat, has a population of 600. The county population is made up mostly of farmers, and in the towns there are a mixture of other occupations such as shoemakers, lawyers, tanners, millers, wagon makers, etc., as well as a music teacher and artist residing in Buckhannon. Streets are dusty in the summer and muddy in the winter. In Buckhannon, stepping stones cross the street and stone sidewalks are found connecting a few businesses and also on the Main and Locust Streets. The only paved street is South Locust and the stone goes only as far as the top of Kanawha Hill. People are isolated pretty much from the rest of the world. There is no telegraph, no railroad, and mail comes by stagecoach from nearby

Clarksburg, so residents don't hear much about rumors of war. The center of town is a meeting place for all to discuss the topics of the day. Currently there is discussion about the ten-to-one vote against the Virginia ordinance: that the western part of Virginia is not friendly to the idea of secession from the Union; and about the new President, Abraham Lincoln and his call for Union volunteers to put down the rebellion in the south. This first chapter sets the framework for the rest of the book.

It was deemed important for the Secessionists to establish Confederate boundaries along the Ohio and Pennsylvania as the area for future battles and the Governor of Virginia had issued a call to those in western Virginia for additional troops. While Rebel feelings appeared to be stronger in Lewis and Barbour Counties than in Upshur, the Upshur Grays were being formed with John C. **HIGGINBOTHAM** serving as Captain. Others ranking directly beneath him were Warren **WHITE**, Jerome **REGER**, Charles **RIDGWAY**, W. H. **FICHETT**, William **McFADDEN**, James **MULLAN** and "Gam" **BASTABLE**. When this group finally went to meet the Confederate Army at Phillipi, only four of the 67 were over the age of 23. Munitions supplies were anything but up-to-date and ammunition had to be carried in each soldier's own pockets.

Union forces in Upshur were also being formed. Co. E, 3rd West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, was mustered under Captain P. J. **POTTS** and met in Clarksburg with other Companies from surrounding counties. Names of officers of that regiment included David F. **HEWES**, Frank W. **THOMPSON**, Charles E. **SWEARINGIN**, Theodore F. **LANG**, John H. **SHUTTLEWORTH**, D. B. **DORSEY**, and Rev. James W. **CURRY**.

This was a time of increased activity with volunteers joining and forming one big military camp. Feelings ran so strongly with individuals in immediate families that brothers were found to join forces on opposing sides--the beginning of brother fighting brother. Rumors flew, many of which were proven false. While Buckhannon rallied around the Union, the residents of French Creek were surrounded by Secessionists and many of those were intermingled with Unionists. There were many irresponsible southern sympathizers who stole livestock and food, burned property and frightened women and children. There was even an attempt by the Rebel forces, commanded by Maj. Albert **REGER**, a Phillipi lawyer, to force the removal of the U.S. flag from the top of the courthouse in Buckhannon. It was the determined courage of Rev. John W. **REGER** and a group of Union sympathizers and Daniel D. T. **FARNSWORTH**, local merchant who threatened harm to anyone in the Rebel force who touched that flag, that prevented this from happening.

The bullet used by both the Union and Confederacy was the "Minie," named for Captain C. E. **MINIE**, a Frenchman. The Minie ball had great accuracy and, if not fatal, was responsible for the loss of limbs among those wounded in the extremities. As the war moved nearer Upshur County, word was received, in late May, 1861, that the first Union soldier of the Civil war was killed in Grafton. Thornsbury Bailey **BROWN** of the Grafton Guards was killed by Daniel **KNIGHT**, a member of Captain David **POE**'s Rebel band (pp. 20-21). In the same time frame, the Confederates kept residents of Upshur

County in continual fear by holding raids. Because of this, it was determined that there was the need for a large contingency of Union troops to be present to protect the residents. This presence apparently didn't discourage attempts by the Rebels...Buckhannon was visited by Col. Richard **TURK**, and in return, his visit was met with gunfire from residents. At one time at least 10,000 Union men were camped in and around Buckhannon as well as on Beverly Pike and at French Creek.

There are many references in the book to a journal which was kept by Mrs. S. B. **PHILLIPS**, wife of Capt. S. B. **PHILLIPS**, during the time that her husband served in the Civil War. (This journal and other references listed in the footnotes give an excellent description of the life of Buckhannon during the war.) Marcia Louise **SUMNER PHILLIPS**, was a native of Massachusetts and came to French Creek with her parents. Sylvester **PHILLIPS** and she were married in 1852 and they lived in French Creek until shortly after the beginning of the Civil War. In 1862 they moved to a house in Buckhannon located at the corner of East Main and Spring St. Entries in the journal stopped suddenly in 1863, about the time her husband resigned as an officer. (One of the early footnotes indicates that her journal was on file with the Upshur County Historical Society, at the time of the writing of this book.)

When Union troops were being ordered to advance toward Rich Mountain, it was believed that almost all Secessionists were gone from Upshur County where military law was in force. Already several Secessionist notables had fled south--Sheriff George **BASTABLE**, county clerk Mifflin **LORENTZ**, and druggist Squire **JANNEY**. Several women including Mrs. George **BERLIN** and her sisters, Miss Betty **HOLT** and Miss Maggie **HOLT**, who were trying to flee south to meet with Mr. **BERLIN**, were not permitted to leave because they might give information to the enemy. Miss Nancy **JONES** refused to leave her house until the Union troops were gone, while the **SMITH** women next door prayed for the safety of family members of the Upshur Grays.

Francis H. **PIERPONT**, Governor of the Restored Government of Virginia, needed money to defray expenses for Union soldiers. There was reportedly \$30,000 in the Weston bank which had been allocated for constructing the new Insane Asylum. Rumor said the bankers were Rebels planning to have the money moved to Richmond. Gov. **PIERPOINT** directed Gen. **McCLELLAN** to rescue the money. The general directed Col. Erastus **TYLER** to lead the cavalry to Weston. This was done before the bankers could be notified by any friend of the Confederacy that the cavalry was on the way and the money was obtained without problem. Later, most of the money was used to finish the construction.

In French Creek, a Home Guard was organized by Sgt. Loomis **GOULD** and Col. S. B. **PHILLIPS**. Captured arms were given to citizens for self-protection when the Federal troops were absent. One of the young Union soldiers, an eighteen year old from Poland, Ohio, by the name of William **McKINLEY** was serving with Co. E 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment. He found himself in Buckhannon and later in French Creek, the guest of the hospitable Dr. Amos **BROOKS** of that town. A resident of Beverly was the sister of Major General T. J. **JACKSON**, Laura **JACKSON ARNOLD**, who took care of wounded, sick, and homesick Union soldiers. She refused to give up her allegiance to the United States.

Apparently not everyone was serious about the war. Co. E of the First West Virginia Light Artillery was sent to Wheeling in 1862. The company pitched tents in Camp Willey on Wheeling Island. They also received new equipment. While there, they were entertained by the ladies of the city and later by the Governor who provided dinner for soldiers of three other Infantry groups. After this, the business of training in the military art of drilling began. C. W. HART, Daniel M. FARNSWORTH and William PRICE were soon placed under arrest for drunkenness, disobeying orders and threatening the guards. Each was sentenced to be tied to a cannon wheel and to stand on the head of the barrel for varying time periods. Benjamin F. PAUGH got sentenced for sleeping on his post. Several caught typhoid fever and it caused the death of Abram CUTRIGHT. G. C. FLETCHER, J. W. HYRE, Seymour SIMONS, J. W. CUTRIGHT and Perry DEAN ran off for home. In about a week they were back at camp. Christmas Day found J. W. WEAVER and William LEONARD too drunk to find their way back to camp. William L. COLRIDER had forged a pass and didn't learn the lesson from that punishment, for he was later arrested for blackguarding (Webster: blackguard - to abuse verbally) Mrs. H. O. HYRE, from Upshur County, who was visiting in camp. His punishment was two hours in handcuffs and with a sack over his head. Apparently his wife eventually had to come to camp to see if she could get him to obey the rules and regulations.

One of the greatest local tragedies of the war occurred in September, 1863, when the Rebels conducted a raid against the Upshur County Militia at Centerville (now Rock Cave). The Upshur Battery (also known as the Upshur County Militia or Home Guards) was organized on August 8, 1862 by Col. A. C. MOORE. Capt. Daniel GOULD was commander and Harvey GEYER was designated lieutenant. Since fighting the war was not continuous, soldiers were called when necessary for muster, as was the case on September 12. J. C. EAGLE, a Militia member, had earlier become disgruntled and left to join the Confederate Army. He was often used as scout or guide during some of the earlier raids and it was during just such a raid, led by Major KESLER, that the Militia was captured. Most of the members of the Militia were present at roll call, except for the father and brother of J. C. EAGLE. A fruitless battle ensued for the Militia was caught by surprise. Wounded were taken to town and treated as best could be done by Dr. W. H. CURRY. In the end, 70 were captured. Of those, 7 would escape, 25 would be paroled and 43 would die in Confederate prisons (Andersonville, GA., Richmond, Camp Sumter, Salisbury, Charleston, SC and Wheeling). (Page 141-144 lists all captured and their outcome.) This raid and subsequent capture of Militia members was a grim reminder of the bitterness in the war, for many of the raiders were well known to residents of Centerville. (Editorial Note: The article "West Virginians Laid to Rest at Andersonville Prison, Georgia" in Issue 1, 1999 of the *Hacker's Creek Journal* further identifies the "Upshur Militia" as the 133rd WV Militia.)

It has been stated that there were at least 6,000 engagements during the Civil War, 300 of them in West Virginia. The book brings out the idea that regardless of which side the man chose to serve, he was generally a very dedicated citizen who stood up for his beliefs. Granted there were those incorrigibles, but those are found in any society. The women and those remaining at home stood behind each member of the family, regardless of which side was taken, and helped in any way possible. This was reflected time and time again in the writings of those who kept journals and later wrote histories of the Civil War.

"Rosie" SHEETS



Get to Know the HCPD Staff!!

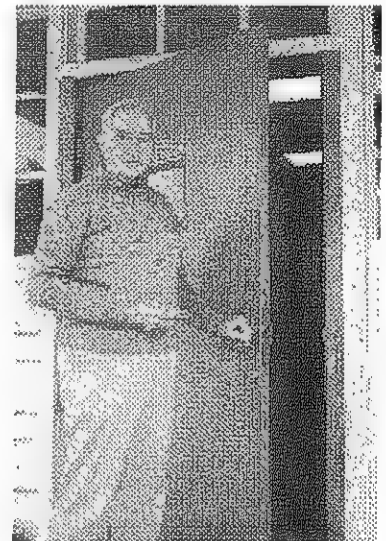
by Maurice L. Allman



HCPD member, Maurice **ALLMAN**, thought it was time for HCPD members to meet some of the staff which, along with a host of volunteers scattered throughout the country, make our association the bustling, eventful, and informative institution it is. In providing these captions and photos, Maurice speaks for all the rest of us in saying, "Thanks for all your hard work!" Watch for more in future issues.

Editorial Staff

Welcome! Come in. Standing at the newly installed front door of The Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Library, is HCPD member Charles **WHITE**. Charles is a native of Lewis County, WV, and he and his wife, May, have moved back to West Virginia from Maine. Charles is serving as Chairman of the HCPD Building Repair and Maintenance Committee. One of our needs involved two doors for the HCPD Library. Our Executive Director, Joy **STALNAKER** assisted in getting quotations for new doors. In the meantime, Charles asked President Cary Williams and me to work with him and search locally for quality used doors. This paid off with help of Charles' former neighbor in Weston who had a supply of used house items in his Shadybrook warehouse in Weston.



With a local contractor, the two metal doors were delivered and installed, and several hundred dollars were saved with Charles' leadership.



A Secretary in the Kitchen? Yes and more. Shown is Eva **NEWLON**, HCPD Secretary, in the Library Kitchen during the Annual Gathering, August 1998, Horner, WV. She and her husband, Bob, of Clarksburg, WV, volunteer regularly. Eva is no stranger to the HCPD kitchen since she and many volunteers work together to make lunches during the Gathering. They

even deliver the lunch while you enjoy the cool shade of the large tents on the Library Campus. And there are dishes to wash up with help of the volunteers.

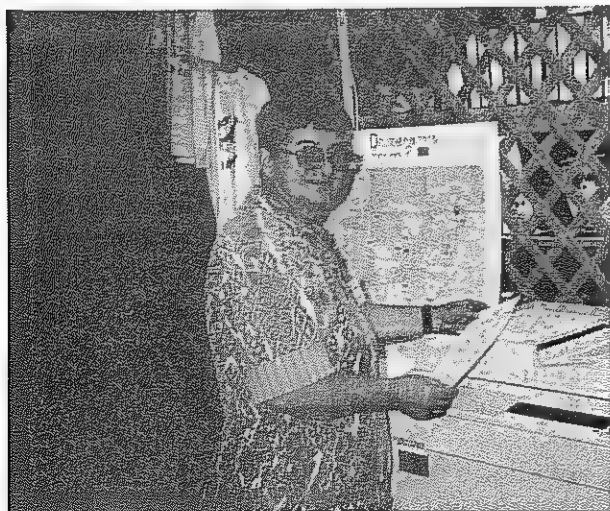
As secretary, Eva provides a service the HCPD organization in taking the notes of the Board meetings, recording the motions, typing the minutes, making copies and distributing them to the Board members. Eva is always researching, as time permits, and is a willing helper to those not familiar with the great source of genealogy data in the HCPD Library.

"Dear Friends of HCPD" .so writes May **WHITE**, our Corresponding Secretary. May enjoys answering the piles of letters that come to her each week. How many hours does she volunteer each week? Just ask her some time...you'll be amazed!

May is our personal touch with the HCPD members nationwide, says President Cary **WILLIAMS**. And Cary encourages members to contact May with their queries even

though we may not have all the answers. Each member may also list queries in our HCPD Journal since it goes to every state in the nation.

May labors in the "work room" of the Library. Note the numerous shelves of original deed books and other original court house books of Lewis County, then Virginia, which date back to 1816 in many instances. The hand written information is "something to read" says our Executive Director, Joy **STALNAKER**. HCPD has heavy duty copiers which can copy selected pages of these historic books, said May. The copies capture the interest of children and grandchildren as they ask "Why isn't this typed?"



Shown is Rose **NISSEL** at the copier of The Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Library (HCPD), Horner, WV. Rose is one of the loyal volunteers of HCPD who asks, "What can I do next?" She duplicates the various productions of HCPD such as Cemetery Records, Obituaries, Births, Marriages, Death Records, Early Family Five Generation Charts, Volumes of past HCPD Journals, Civil War sites in West Virginia, etc., that are in constant demand from our members nation wide.

President Cary **WILLIAMS** says with "free" labor at the copier, HCPD can reproduce our materials at less cost than contracting out our publications needs to a printer. "This also reduces costs to our members," he said.

In the past when our supply was sold out, we tried to contract reprinting, but we would be required to take many more copies than we needed to keep the unit price down. "This would also tie up too much of our financial resources at one time," he said.

Rose will tell you that copying involves adjusting the darkness and lightness of the type for easy reading, colating, stapling and stacking on the shelves.



And last in this segment, but certainly not least in anybody's book, is Mrs. "Enthusiasm" at her computer. Ask her about the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Library, (HCPD) Horner, WV, and her answer will be "Just a minute - have a seat." Meet Joy GILCHRIST STALNAKER, our Executive Director, who is never too busy to provide an answer or offer a suggestion.

While serving as Interim Treasurer, I advised the HCPD board on our IRS Tax Report. I gave a copy to each Board Member and asked them to follow along with me...and they did. I called their attention to the last 6 pages of the report which were full of entries in columns. There were over 6,000 entries on those pages plus 4 pages of narrative with entries of numbers of our income and expenses from many accounts, plus the many pages of the IRS Forms. This was one mind boggling report! Joy calmly read the rules, called local CPAs for full understanding, checked the accounting based on IRS rules, compared the report to past years' balances which IRS had accepted, and we submitted an acceptable report!

Joy looks ahead, plans ahead, presents ideas to the Board, seeks their advice and council, gets the Journals out with numerous volunteers, seeks funds, makes speeches, speaks live on the Weston Radio Station, assists in publishing the newsletter *Up The Creek*, assists the Building Maintenance Committee with a rewiring plan based on HCPD member Ben POINSETTE'S recommendations, and on, and on!

From all HCPD Members..."Charles, Eva, May, Rose, and Joy, "THANKS!!!"

Maurice

Early Recollections Of the Town of Weston

An Old Citizen

Relates an Interesting Story of the Town and
Recalls Many Incidents and Events
Of By Gone Happy Days

Weston Democrat, Saturday, April 23, 1892

TIME CHANGES ALL THINGS

Francis **SKINNER**, one of the early pioneers of Rush Run, in Lewis county, was a very remarkable man in many respects. He was a man who never used tobacco in any way, either chewing or smoking, and was never known to take a drink of intoxicating liquors as a beverage during his life - something that few men can say. Mr. **SKINNER** was raised in Harrison County and after being united in marriage to a Miss **DENNISON** he purchased one hundred acres of land on the above named run in its primeval state, and having built his log cabin, moved his young wife to it and they commenced to battle with the logs and brush to clear out and erect themselves and their posterity a home, and by industry, perseverance and economy they succeeded beyond their most sanguine expectations. Having paid for and improved his first hundred acres of land he bought and improved more land until he had a fine, well improved and productive farm. Mr. **SKINNER** was a man who did not spend any of his substance in litigation, as he was never known to sue a man, and was never sued, which is one of the strongest arguments that he was an honest man, kind hospitable and ever ready to lend a

helping hand to the unfortunate. He spent his declining days surrounded with plenty. He raised a large family of boys who are among our steadiest citizens.

Amos **HEVNER** resided on the fine farm on the West Fork that is now owned and occupied by Erasmus **RHODES**. Mr. **HEVNER** came to Lewis county when a young and single man. After remaining some time in the county he was united in marriage to a Miss **LIGHTBURN**, a daughter of Benjamin **LIGHTBURN**, of Lightburn's Mills. Mr. **HEVNER** and his noble and accomplished wife were great favorites with all their neighbors in Collins Settlement District. He was a man of means and had it in his power to assist those who were struggling to get along, and was never known to turn a deaf ear to the cries of the needy. He was a good citizen, an industrious and kind hearted gentleman.

John and William **GODFREY**, two brothers, owned and occupied farms on the West Fork, near where the little village of Roanoke is now located. They were both steady and industrious men, a good type of the back-woodmen, as they were both great hunters and fine marksmen. The hills of this country at the time at which I write abounded in game both large and small and they had a fine opportunity to test their marksmanship and all they wanted was a good opportunity and they were sure to bring down their game, be it a bear, deer or wild turkey. Those men were uneducated as to books, but their experience in woodcraft and things in general was great, and their back-woods hospitality was unsurpassed. The latch string was ever hanging out

inviting the belated traveler to enter and make themselves at home. These men were great raftsmen, as were others residing on or near the West Fork River. Every rise in the river would bring hundreds of logs down from the country above Weston and with almost every raft you would see Uncle John and Uncle Bill GODFRAY floating along on the raft. They were good, honest-hearted citizens and did a great deal towards developing the county. Their descendants are now among our best citizens.

Michael BUSH owned and resided on the farm on which the village of Roanoke is now located. Mr. BUSH was a farmer and trader and carried on considerable business. He was a very enterprising man and a very useful one in the community, buying up all kinds of stock that the farmers had to dispose of and shipping it to market, thereby distributing considerable money among the farmers of the county. Mr. BUSH sold his farm some few years later and moved West.

Mr. Isaac WALDO, Sr., owned and resided on the farm that was known as the Waldo mill farm, on the West Fork. He was a young man, who was raised in the county of Harrison, where he was united in marriage to a Miss GOFF, the niece of Col. WALDO and Nathan GOFF, of Clarksburg, a very excellent and well educated lady. They moved to their farm early in the year of 1844 and commenced to repair and put in good shape the farm and mill, as he found them both in a very dilapidated condition. Mr. WALDO was a very industrious, persevering man and would, no doubt, have made his mark both as a citizen and farmer had he

lived, but alas! He like thousands of others was cut down by the hand of death in the prime of life and usefulness. This death was attended by very sad and melancholy circumstances. He ate his breakfast in the morning and left his house in the best of health and repaired to his coal bank for the purpose of mining some coal and while engaged at the work the roof of the bank caved in on him and he was taken out a corpse - a sad reminder of the scriptural phrase that "in the midst of life we are in death".

Samuel BOND, a very excellent gentleman and farmer resided on the West Fork, in Collins Settlement District. Mr. BOND was originally from Harrison county and belonged to the sect of christians called the Seven Day Baptist. I do not profess to know much about the tenets of their Church, any further than they observe and keep Holy Saturday as their Sabbath and believe in baptism by immersion, but while I do not know very much about their Church organization, I do know that all of its members that I have ever known were very excellent people, honest upright and progressive citizens, living in peace and charity with their neighbors and all men. Mr. BOND was a good citizen, raised a family of sons who are now among our best and most useful and enterprising citizens.

James KEITH owned and resided on a fine farm on the waters of the West Fork near where the village of Jacksonville now stands. Mr. KEITH was one of the early pioneers of Collins Settlement. He was united in marriage to a daughter of Mr. William BENNETT, Sr., of Walkersville. The daughters of Mr. BENNETT, of whom their were

several, were a very fine lot of young ladies, hearty, healthy and intelligent, making splendid wives and well calculated for and adapted to the times. They left their impress upon their posterity for intelligence, energy and robustness. Mr. KEITH was a good citizen, an influential man and was respected and trusted by all of his neighbors and friends. He raised a large family, the most of whom emigrated to the far West early in life, where they have made their mark.

Squire George DUVALL owned and occupied the fine and beautiful farm on which Mr. George J. ARNOLD now resides. Squire DUVALL was a man well calculated for and adapted to the times in which he lived - a hale, hearty and robust man, ever ready to join in and take part in any and everything that was useful and amusing. Being a man of some education and possessing great energy and enterprise, he exerted a great influence in the community. He was a prosperous farmer, an honest and upright public officer, having the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. He raised a large family, the majority of whom left the county to seek their fortune in the west. But few of his descendents remaining in the county.

Washington SIMS was another progressive farmer that owned a fine tract of land on the West Fork near the village of Jacksonville. Mr. SIMS married the daughter of Squire DUVALL. He was a very industrious man; made a good living; raised quite a large family and was a good citizen and a kind neighbor.

Mr. Elyah (Elijah) ARNOLD owned and occupied a large tract of very valuable land on which the village of Jacksonville is located. Mr. ARNOLD was married at an early day to Miss Prudence JACKSON, a sister of the learned and enterprising Judge JACKSON. Of Clarksburg, Harrison county, Virginia. He was a very old man at the time, but was a man of great influence, possessing all the qualities and qualifications that constitutes a gentleman. He exerted a great influence in his community for good. He raised a large family who have had a great deal to do with making the laws and shaping the destiny of the county, of whom I shall have much to say in the progress of these sketches. Mr. ARNOLD was a man who was very highly respected by his neighbors for his good qualities and kindness of heart.

Thomas BOTLEN, who owned and resided on a farm on the waters of the Sand Fork, of the Little Kanawha, was a noted character in many respects, is known for his "bigness" - weighing over three hundred pounds. In another respect, for his nimrod proclivities. He was said to be one of the greatest hunters of his day. His power of endurance and facility and activity in climbing the mountains and hills in pursuit of game, yet his "largeness" did not appear to interfere with his locomotion in the least. Another of his peculiarities was his honest, generous and good natured disposition. No man ever made an appeal to him for help and assistance in vain. He was what you might call a regular back - woodsman, possessing all the traits of character for honesty and uprightness that characterized a Daniel BOONE and Simon KENTON. The latch string of his

door was ever found hanging out, an invitation to the tired and hungry wayfarer to enter, rest and be fed. He raised a large family of sons and daughter, one of his sons being "our Ezekiel." At the time of his death he weighed six hundred pounds.

I will now pass on to the village of Walkersville where William BENNETT, Sr. resides. He was one of the early pioneers of the upper West Fork, having emigrated at a very early day from Pendleton county, Virginia, and settled on the West Fork, where he commenced to clear out his farm and make for himself and family a home, and by great industry, perseverance and economy he succeeded in raising a very large family of both sons and daughters, the descendants of whom have been called to fill some of the most responsible offices, both of the State of Virginia and West Virginia. Mr. BENNETT'S descendents have numbered among the Judges, Legislators, Lawyers and Doctors, in all of which positions they have acquitted themselves honorable and to the satisfaction of their friends and constituency. Mr. BENNETT served as a grand juror at the first Circuit Court that was held for the county of Lewis. He was one of the leading and official members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Robert CRAWFORD and his three sons, John, James, and Robert, Jr., owned and resided on a large tract of land laying on the waters of the West Fork river. The old gentleman was well advanced in life at the time to which I refer. He was one of the early settlers of the county and acquired a large body of very fine and productive land. He donated to each of his children, four in

number, (having but one daughter,) a fine farm. Mr. CRAWFORD was a man of great influence in the community. He was a charitable, kind-hearted christian gentleman, having it in his power to assist the needy and deserving. He never let an opportunity pass without lending a helping hand, always ready to counsel and advise the young and rising generation. He, too, was one of the strong pillars of the M. E. Church on the West Fork. His three sons followed in the footsteps of their worthy sire and were all good citizens, loved, trusted and respected by all, and some of their descendants have been called upon and are now filling very important positions in this county at present.

Nov 5, 1887 Weston Democrat

A Brilliant Wedding at Burnsville

On Tuesday morning a merry crowd left Burnsville to attend the marriage of Mr. W. G. HARRISON, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Mrs. Drue DAVISSON of Burnsville which happy event was solemnized by Rev. Dr. T. H. LACY of St. Paul's P. E. Church.

The wedding party returned to Weston the same evening and a grand reception was given at Mr. HARRISON'S residence on N. Court Street.

Thus another society event which has long been "whispered" about is happily consummated and "The Democrat" has the pleasure of extending its congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. HARRISON



Let's Hear it for HCPD Again!!

Joy,

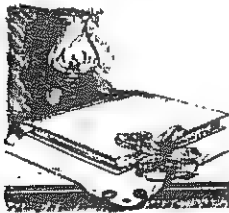
Just wanted to let you know that your lock-in was a huge success for me even though I wasn't there and was actually over 1000 miles away!

*I have been searching for Nelson **ROBINSON** my 3g grandfather has been a mystery for years. I have even hired 3 professional researchers in 2 states to try and find him! Now, thanks to Mary Ann **WAMSLEY**, who attended the lock-in, I have a new and valuable clue! In the Lewis County Court Records she found a reference showing Nelson **ROBINSON** living in the home of Abram **REGER**--Nelson was a 12-year old orphan in 1821. My Nelson was b. 1809 and I have never been able to find his parents. Not only is it a big help for Nelson data but I am also descended from the **REGER** and **BRAKE** lines. Abram **REGER** m. Leah Anne **BRAKE** 1813. Leah was the younger sister of my 4g grandmother, Mary Magdalene **BRAKE** who m. Isaac **REGER**, the uncle of Abram **REGER**.*

*Now I find that Nelson was living with them! Not only that...Abram and Leah named their first daughter Cecelia, b. 1816. Nelson also named his first daughter Cecelia, b. 1837. Nelson and Cecelia **REGER** would have been 7 years apart in age and probably grew up together. Nelson's son, Elam (my 2g grandfather) m. Almyra **MARPLE** whose mother was a **REGER**. "Curiouser and Curiouser" as they said in Alice and Wonderland.*

*Now I need to check 1820 census records to see what children ages were in the home of Abram **REGER**. Also, where Abram lived. Obviously, Nelson was close by or he wouldn't have been living with the **REGERS** after the death of his parent(s). Also will check death records in Lewis County for the time immediately before 1821. Don't mean to ramble but I am **THRILLED**! Mary Ann has done her good deed of the century!*

*Melinda **LARSON***



***** IN MEMORIAM *****

Tressie Hacker (1905 - 1999)

A Charter Member of HCPD

Tressie **HACKER**, Age 94, of Rural Rte #2, Weston, died on Tuesday, June 15, 1999 in Holbrook Nursing Home of Buckhannon following an extended illness. Friends were received at the Floyd Funeral Home, Weston, on Friday, June 18. Funeral services were held from the funeral home with Rev. Dr. Joseph **SHREVE** officiating. She was buried in Machpelah Cemetery.

*Joy **GILCHRIST STALNAKER***



NOTES FROM THE ATTIC

A True Story of My Life

by *W. McWhorter Morris*

The following is from a "little book" dating from the early 1900s, found by Pam BENNETT of Good Hope, WV. Just where the book has been for so long is unknown...probably forgotten in a dusty attic. This is the second segment of a continuing story that began in Issue 1 of Vol XVII. The author is the late W. McWhorter MORRIS.

In part from an inheritance through our parents of a natural tendency as handed down from our ancestors on both the paternal and maternal sides of our family connections, which, added to the religious training while under the parental roof, had the effect of bringing every member of the family into the family of God in the Church.

While the noise and prattle of so many children, endowed with the childish natures of all young people, must have been very provoking to our parents at times, the large family was brought up and maintained with much less friction than is noticed in many smaller families of the day when the discipline has been relaxed, so that the parents have been brought under submission to the will of the child. It must have been gratifying to our parents that, of all the children, not one of them had ever taken the name of God in vain; nor indulged in playing cards or other gambling device; or had ever drank any beverage to intoxication.

My father and mother [Benjamin MORRIS and Mary McWHORTER MORRIS] both lived to a ripe old age; the former was born January 30, 1799, and died June 17, 1886. The latter was born December 5, 1809 and died May 16, 1899. The demise of these two aged saints were the only deaths that have occurred in the house still standing and built over one hundred years ago.

I will now get down to the matter intended to be treated in this sketch; and I should notice first that in West Virginia, or in this part of the Old dominion, we had no Free School System; and not a College, University, or High School within the State; and an education for any of the common folk was well nigh out of the question. Most of neighborhoods were supplied with a school house of the Log Cabin type--some of them had glass in one window over the writing bench; but the larger number of them had greased white paper pasted where the glass should be.

The qualifications of a teacher consisted in being able to read, write, and "cipher" in the four simple rules; and still better, if he or she could parse a few sentences in grammar. But--thanks to good luck--I had the privilege of attending four three-months winter terms, under a teacher who would be capable of teaching in the eighth grade of this day. I mention our meager educational facilities at that early day for the effect it has had on my after-life, which has been very disastrous in more than one respect. From my earliest boyhood I had a craving thirst for knowledge of books that would fit me for the calling that came to me soon after my advent into the Christian warfare.

At the age of fourteen, during a series of revival meetings at Duck Creek, under the pastorate of the Rev. Jeremiah **SIMPSON** (not Sockless Jerry), I received a change of heart and united with the church at that place. Perhaps I should mention here, that besides having a very limited education, I was very bashful by nature, awkward in appearance, besides having a stammering speech. It was a great cross to me to have to relate my experience, or try to pray in public; yet with all these handicaps I was soon impressed that I must preach the Gospel.

It was not that I had a desire to preach; the fact was far from it. Neither did I hear an audible voice calling me; but it was that "still, small voice" ever whispering in such strong utterances that so forcibly impressed me that I must make preparations to meet this urgent call. Hence my craving for an education that would help me overcome the many impediments that were in the way of any useful vocation. But how was I to reach such an ideal while conditions remained as they then prevailed? My father had a large family of children, all of whom must be helped in at least the rudiments of an education in so far as the system would provide or his means afford. There was very little money in circulation at that time, which made the outlook seem darker.

After I was 15 years old, we could get no teacher for our school that could advance me further in my studies than I had already gained, and I ceased to attend school altogether. Thus, at the age of 18, when the Civil War began in 1861, I was as little prepared in an educational way as I was when I first received the divine impression that I must prepare to preach the Gospel. So, in August 1862, in response to the President's call for 500,000 additional soldiers, partly to get rid of the annoying impressions that had been disturbing me; but chiefly through a sense of patriotism, feeling that I should do my "bit" in trying to save the Union, I enlisted in a Cavalry Company then being recruited at Clarksburg, which was afterwards designated as Co.E., 3rd Regiment W.Va. Cavalry Volunteers.

While I experienced many hardships, and endured much suffering, and engaged in many battles, I will only mention in this volume certain events that had to do with my earlier impressions that I should preach the Gospel; and

which but confirmed the genuineness of my early calling. These experiences further impressed me of the fact that I had been playing the "Jonah" act in trying to run away from God, or to disregard His call to duty. In the next chapter I shall name some of the events referred to.

Chapter II - Saved By A Premonition

After leaving home and assuming military life, I tried to dismiss any thought of the divine impressions that had been "dogging" me in the past, though I determined from the start that I would engage in no act that would be inconsistent with the teachings of my parents, or the doctrines of the Christian church. I carried with me a small Testament and a vest-pocket-sized dictionary, both of which I read and studied whenever I had opportunity for doing so.

The precepts and admonitions of my parents were ever in my mind, and I determined that as far as possible I would do no act that gave them cause for grief, and I now feel proud of the fact that I lived as near the life of a Christian throughout my nearly three-years' service as I did before entering the army, or since my return. Thus I passed through the routine work of army life with no unusual incident or accident that I will note here, until about the middle of July, 1863, just after the great battle between Generals **MEADE'S** and **LEE'S** forces at Gettysburg. The Confederates had re-crossed the Potomac River into Virginia, while our Union forces were following them some distance in their rear.

Our cavalry brigade, under General **AVERILL**, was on the extreme right, and drew up near a force of the enemy on North Mountain, where we lay on our arms all night. As I lay on the ground that night with fixed eyes staring at the blue, azure skies, the stars seemed brighter and more plentiful than I had ever seen them; neither had the heavens ever seemed so beautiful to me before. The whole firmament seemed to be strangely illuminated, and gave to me a fascination that made me joyously happy. While thus gazing into the heavens that now seemed so near to me, that same "small voice" silently put the question to me as plainly as though it had been spoken audibly, "If your life should be spared to the end of the war, will you agree to heed the call to preach the Gospel?"

This proposition was to me at such a time irresistible, and I eagerly vowed that I would make the effort to do so. Then this same "small voice" said to me, "Tomorrow your courage will be put to a severe test; but fear not and trust God: you will not be hurt." The "test" came in a personal encounter with a Confederate officer. I was not hurt, and I wish I could say as much for the officer.

While it has always given me a feeling of regret when I recall the sad incident, I do not suffer any remorse of conscience, as it was a natural result of war; and I

believe wars are "made in heaven" as much as marriages are "made in heaven", and there is as much holiness in war as there is in some of the bonds of "holy wedlock." It is very regrettable, however, that we should ever have to engage in any war, either between nations, or man and wife, or other individuals.

What a blessed place to live in this world would be, if all mankind could live in peace with each other. And they could, if all would obey the junction of Jesus to "first pull the beam out of our own eyes", rather than trying first to discover the "little mote" that may be in our brother's eye. After making the vow just referred to, I found I had a new difficulty to overcome if I should be spared through the war and undertake to "pay my vows to the Most High." Back home, before entering the army, I had made another vow that must be annulled before I could make the preparation to meet the divine call.

In my school days I became somewhat enamoured with a young girl of about my age, and although we were both rather of a timid or bashful nature, a mutual affection seemed to automatically develop that gradually ripened into love, and which had not subsided in the least when I donned the uniform of a Yankee soldier. A mail correspondence after leaving home kept the "flickering flame" gently burning, until each of us accepted it as a foregone conclusion that if I returned at the close of the war, we were to be made one in wedlock, hence my dilemma between two vows. To the casual reader this may not seem a difficult problem to solve, for ordinarily a good wife would be a helpful adjunct to the life of a preacher; but in my case, being uneducated or trained for the work, I would necessarily have to spend some time from home at school, and it looked to me that I was bound to break off from one or the other of these vows. Which should it be? Here was a desperate conflict between spiritual and carnal man. I did not wish to break off my marriage engagement, and I did not dare to break my vows to a divine call.

My subsequent experience will show conclusively that my safety throughout the struggle depended upon my determination to "pay my vows to Most High," as my life was more than once miraculously saved, and at each time that "still, small voice" would whisper, "Remember your vows."

Some months after the incident referred to on North Mountain, while on our return from a very severe campaign into the Confederate lines at Salem, Virginia, in December 1863, I had a strange premonition that saved me from capture and perhaps my life. We had made the trip of nearly two hundred miles from our base at New Creek (now Keyser), West Virginia, starting on December 8; reached Salem on the 16th, and was trying to get back as best we could, having to encounter flooded streams, which we had to swim and were cut off by large forces of the enemy at all points along the C. & O. railroad, and lost our baggage train and provisions. On December 19, while fifteen miles south of Covington and the Jackson River, a detachment of about forty men were sent to

reconnoiter the situation across the mountain from the road on which we were marching and which was blockaded a few miles in our front. In trying to reach the command again late in the afternoon, we were cut off by a force of the enemy and had to take a by-road across the hill.

The weather had turned extremely cold--so much so, that we had become very uncomfortable, as we rode along that lonely by-way trying to overtake the main command. About 9 o'clock we came to a house where several outbuildings were seen by the star light that illuminated the horizon; one of which indicated that a distillery might be located there.

As if by magic, the boys all began to alight from their horses, and made a rush for the liquor they hoped to find there with a view to warming their chilled bodies. Here I had a premonition; that same "still, small voice" warned me in an unmistakable impression to flee from the place at once. I remonstrated with my comrades that evil would befall them if any delay was made in getting away; but my warnings made no impression on them; and they all left the road.

So strongly was I impressed with those evil forebodings, that I rode on alone in the darkness, not knowing just where I was going, with the enemy near at hand in every direction. After going a mile or more in the same direction we had been going, I came upon a small force of cavalry who had dismounted along the roadside, while two of them were in the road, seemingly trying to light a fire. When they struck a match, the quick flash disclosed the gray clothes with which they were clad, and I knew at once that their mission was to intercept and capture the very boys whom I had so recently deserted at the supposed still house; and I may be pardoned for using a little deception by engaging in a conversation that indicated I was one their own men, and passed by them unmolested.

I had passed my Confederate friends, but in a little while, when I heard my own comrades coming in blissful ignorance of the danger that lurked between them and me, and before I was out of the hearing of their merry and chattering voices, they were in the trap that resulted in a long sojourn in the Andersonville prison, where one half of their number succumbed to hunger and disease, and their bones were left to bleach on Southern soil.

But I was not yet out of danger, either of rebel bullets, or a term in prison; for after going a mile or so further, the road I was on intercepted the main road along the river over which our Union forces had recently passed, and as I came up into this road I intercepted a large force of the enemy's cavalry who were moving in the direction I wanted to go. Here again it stood me in good stead to use deception for a weapon; as it was too dark to discern the color of clothing, I engaged them in conversation as one of their men, and although they used some language that was neither patriotic to the

cause of the Union, or complimentary to the Yankee soldier, I bore it all patiently and watched for my opportunity to escape, which came with much peril an hour later.

Upon hearing considerable gun-firing some distance ahead of us, a rebel officer riding near me exclaimed, "General AVERILL's army are engaging JACKSON's force at the Covington bridge, and we should hurry up on his rear lest Jackson might not be able to hold him back from the bridge." This gave me a clue and I determined at great hazards to escape and search our forces to warn them of the large force coming up behind them.

Although the road was well jammed, the troopers riding four abreast, I began at once to proceed farther forward, and when near the front, I began to urge my horse onward and exclaiming, "Move over and let me pass, I have a message for General JACKSON." This ruse worked very well until I reached the commanding officer with his staff riding at the head of the column, who bawled out with great authority, "Hold on there! Where are you going?" Without halting in the least, I replied, "I am sent forward with a message for General JACKSON."

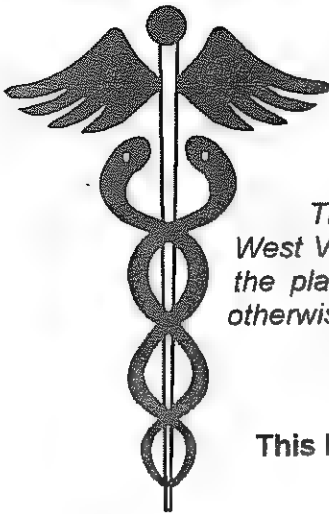
Again he exclaimed, "Stop there; who sent you with a message?" But I had passed them, and determined to keep the distance I had gained at any risk. Again he thundered to his men, "Bring that man back to me dead or alive!" They gave me a lively chase, besides sending several bullets in close proximity to my head, but I beat them to our command, and with these crossed safely over the river.

(To be continued)

CEMETERY TOOLS NOW AVAILABLE at HCPD Library in Horner

HCPD has a new addition to their cadre of services available. Thanks to the generosity of Paul PETTIT, we have some tools available for members working in cemeteries. There's a machete (for chopping weeds and snakes), a small shovel (what's it called, Paul?...an entrenching tool??), some probes, chalk, a tray for mixing patching cement, and even a tad of patching material...and maybe some more things that we have forgotten.

These tools are available to BORROW and RETURN to HCPD. They are ideal for the person who travels in a crowded vehicle or by plane, bus, or however, to reach us and doesn't have room to carry tools along. They are kept in the storage area at the library. Ask Joy Cottrill or Joy Stalnaker... volunteers WILL NOT NECESSARILY KNOW WHERE THEY ARE!!!



WHO HAVE ENROLLED

IN THE MEDICAL SCHOOL

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The following list gives the names of the students who have enrolled in the West Virginia University Medical School from 1902-1962. The year of entrance and the place of residence is also given. Addresses are all in West Virginia unless otherwise indicated. This list is not indexed at the end of this Issue of HCJ.*

**The names listed are those which were used when the student registered.*

This list has been donated to Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants by Mary Sleeth Creamer, in memory of her father, Clark Kendall Sleeth.

Hess, David R
1961
Bridgeport

Hess, Dowe S
1925
Morgantown

Hess, Helen H
1945
Morgantown

Hess, Robert D
1954
Bridgeport

Hickman, Dolph
1933
Princeton

Hicks, Clarence E
1947
Spring Hill

Hicks, Donald L
1857
Beckley

Higgs, Howard H
1933
Parsons

Hiland, Wyland L
1933
Parsons

Hill, Frank R
1926
Charleroi, PA

Hill, George D
1926
Camden-on-Gauley

Hill, John G
1922
Charleroi, PA

Hill, William E
1918
Middlebourne

Hines, Kenneth A
1923
Meadville, PA

Hirsh, Leon S
1927
Fairmont

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Another project for the coming year is an autobiography contest. This was suggested by Dan HYDE...the "rules" are... write your autobiography in 1000 words or less and send them to me (as above) by July 1, 2000. The dreary winter months would be the perfect time to do this...get it out of the way and sent off...either via e-mail or regular mail to me or to the library. We are looking for various categories, but aren't sure what they will be, so you can be humorous, or fact-filled, or poignant...whatever you want. You could even do your life story in poetry if you so choose. Be creative. Winners will be announced at next year's Gathering and published in the Journal. All entries will be compiled and added to the inventory at the library.

One final project- started last winter by the members of the HCPD-List. Occasionally, the folks on the List get to reminiscing...about food, clothing styles, life in an earlier time, music, whatever. So we decided to publish these reminiscings in book form and have them available for sale at the library. That volume is called "*Rocking Chair Rambles*," a name submitted by Alice KALLMERTEN and selected by a vote of those on the list. Now we have started reminiscing again and I am once again collecting these stories. If there are those among you who are not on the list but would like to contribute to the next book, please feel free to jot down your stories and send them to me.

And something to whet your curiosity...Joan PETERS has suggested an inter-family competition, said families being the WV "roots" of HCPD members. Details are still being developed...keep an eye out for more information. We wouldn't want to let our ancestors down!

Have a great autumn!

Mary CREAMER

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